

Transition begins

Navy, Marines arrive; first Air Force wave departs

The first wave of people who will be assigned to Fleet Hospital Zagreb arrived here this week to replace the 48th Air Transportable Hospital (Deployed). The transition will last about three weeks with the assumption of mission ceremony taking place March 17. Fleet Hospital Zagreb will be commanded by Navy Capt. James A. Johnson, deputy commander, Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

35 Marine military police arrived Monday. They were followed Tuesday by 64 medical people and 37 SEABEES. The MPs from the 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., will provide security for the camp after the security police from the 48th Security Police Squadron depart. The SEABEES from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, forward deployed at Rota, Spain, from Port Hueneme, Calif., will replace the 601st Civil Engineering Squadron Prime Base Emergency Engineering Force out of Sembach, Germany.

The medical and dental personnel that are replacing the members of the 48th are from a

number of stateside units including the Naval Medical Center and Naval Dental Center, San Diego, Calif.; Naval Hospitals at Camp Pendleton, Lemoore, Long Beach, Oakland, and 29 Palms, all in California; Oak Harbor and Bremerton, Wash.; and Naval Medical Clinics at Port Hueneme and Seattle.

The main body of the 48th ATH (deployed) is out of RAF Lakenheath, U.K., however, it

included people from Ramstein, Sembach and Bitburg Air Bases in Germany; Soesterberg AB, the Netherlands; and RAF Chicksands, U.K.

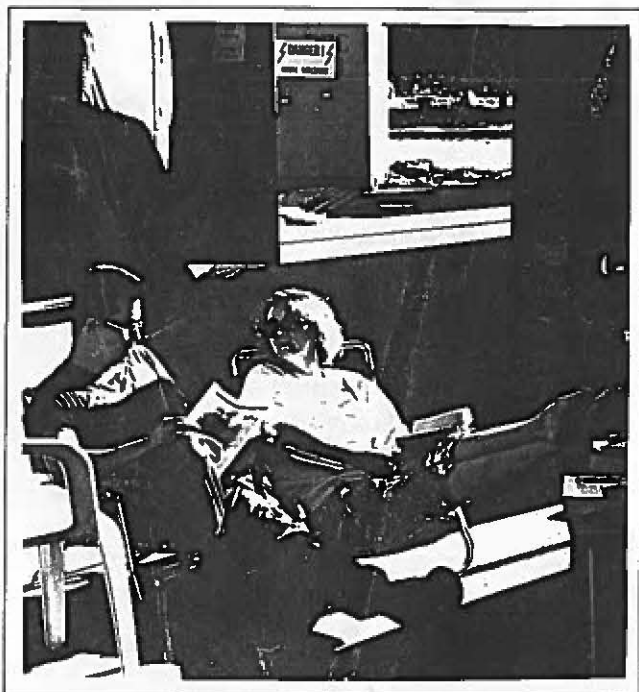
Fleet Hospital Zagreb will be taking over the 60-bed hospital that is the main emergency treatment center for all United Nations Protection Force personnel in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia. The center pro-

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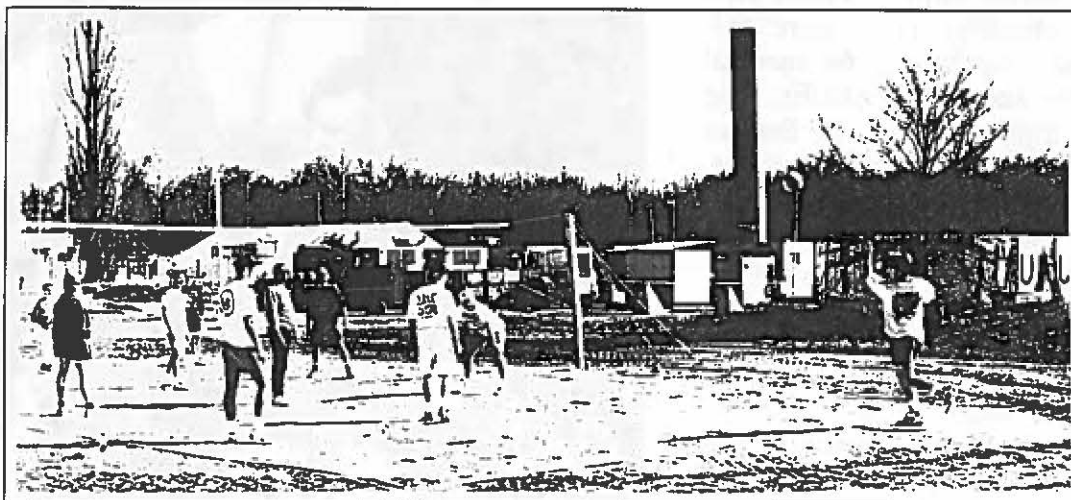


Navy Capt. James A. Johnson meets with Cmdr. J. Wright on the C-5A carrying the first wave of Navy people in here Tuesday. (photo by MSgt. Charlie Morgan)

The last bits of fun



(clockwise from above) Capts. Juan Martinez and Rebecca Anderson, ward nurses, enjoy the first bit of spring sunshine. SSgt. James R. Martin and A1C Kent D. Hersman stack just a few more sandbags. And the warm weather brings nearly everyone out into the sun for volleyball.



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Services

Finance Office

The finance office, in Bldg. 21 (JTF headquarters building) is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for check cashing and pay inquiries. Check cashing limit is \$150 per day and money is available in U.S. dollars or German marks. The following information is required on all checks: name, social security number, full military address at home station, and duty phone. Call 815-117 for more information.

Post Office

Packages and letters can be mailed, and stamps can be purchased at the post office in Bldg. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Letter mail also is collected from the mailbox near the bulletin board in the main compound at 7:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The post office sells money orders and can mail all classes of mail except express. Certified and registered services are also available.

Latest Info

Just a reminder to read the bulletin board in the main compound near the mail box. Policy letters, bus schedules and other information is posted regularly.



Col. Stuart H. Watkins, Joint Task Force Forward commander, welcomes Marines, from the 2nd Force Service Support Group, Monday, who are here to provide security. (photo by MSgt. Charlie Morgan)

JTF welcomes sailors, Marines

"I'd like to extend a warm welcome to everyone coming in during this transition," said Army Col. Stuart H. Watkins, Joint Task Force Provide Promise Forward commander. "Both the 48th Air Transportable Hospital and Fleet Hospital Zagreb have been doing a tremendous job with the change-over and inprocessing."

The first wave of Navy hospital people arrived Tuesday and are transitioning during the next two weeks with their Air Force counterparts.

"This is a great opportunity to work with our Navy counterparts to pass on lessons learned," said Air Force Col. Stephen A. Jennings, 48th ATH commander. "We are doing everything we can to make the assumption of mission go as smoothly as possible," he said.

The commander of the new Fleet Hospital Zagreb is confident about assuming the mission.

"I've been thoroughly im-

pressed with everything the Air Force has done here," said Navy Captain James A. Johnson, Fleet Hospital Zagreb commander. "They are a very talented and professional unit. Their hard work and preparation have made the transition go very smoothly and is a credit to them all."

Along with the Navy hospital and support people, approximately 35 Marine military police from Camp Lejeune, N.C., arrived at the beginning of the week to provide security for the joint task force and hospital.

More Navy people are scheduled to arrive early next week in time for the assumption of mission ceremony Thursday.

"Safety is always a priority, and is even more important during the transition," said Watkins. "A lot of people coming in will have jet lag and our outgoing people will be packing and thinking of home. We want everyone to stay alert, stay safe and watch out for each other."

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Services

Dining Facility Hours

Enlisted Dining Hall

Monday through Friday:

Breakfast: 6 to 8 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner: 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:

Brunch: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(breakfast and dinner as usual)

Officer's Dining Hall

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Breakfast: 6 to 8 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner: 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:

Brunch: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(no breakfast; dinner as usual)

The Peacekeeper

The weekly joint task force forward newspaper is distributed each Friday. Please submit news items to the JTF public affairs office, Bldg. 21, no later than close of business Wednesday.

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Watkins had nothing but praise for the outgoing 48th ATH and is impressed with what he's seen from Fleet Hospital Zagreb.

"Colonel Jennings and his people deserve to be very proud. They have represented their units, the U.N., and the United States with honor," said Watkins.

"Captain Johnson and his people are a great team. They are definitely ready to assume this challenging mission."



The first wave of Navy medical and support people line up to process through customs upon arrival Tuesday. (photo by MSgt Charlie Morgan)

Safety

Stay alert, stay alive, look out for each other

Though the threat of hostile actions here is minimal, people are reminded to stay alert and not develop a false sense of security.

There are a number of other hazards in the area which everyone needs to be aware of and exercise caution.

Remember to stay on hard surfaces. Many of the grassy areas of camp were mined and not all of the mines have been discovered or detonated. Known areas are marked, but it is best to avoid all areas not known to be safe. In addition, do not explore old bunkers or aircraft displays. Many of these sites are booby-trapped.

When jogging on camp, avoid running through or close to the Croatian air force guard post. Also, do not attempt to photograph Croatian aircraft being towed through camp.

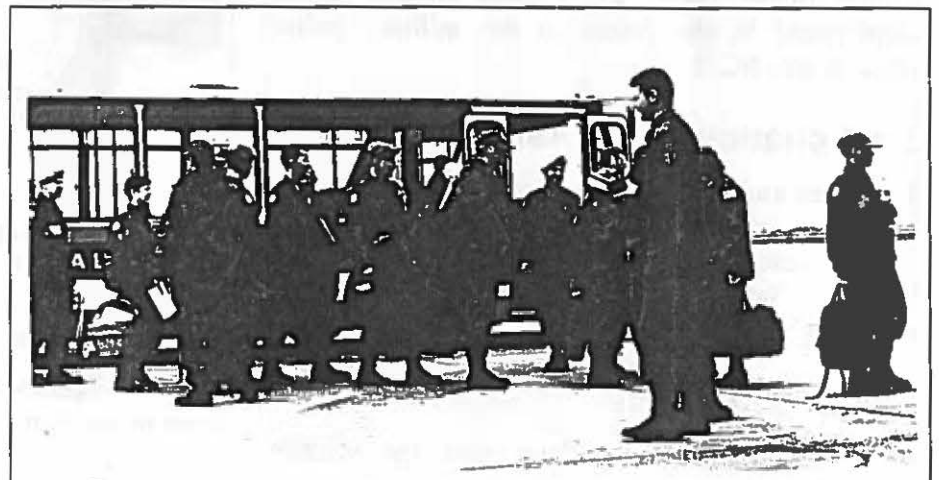
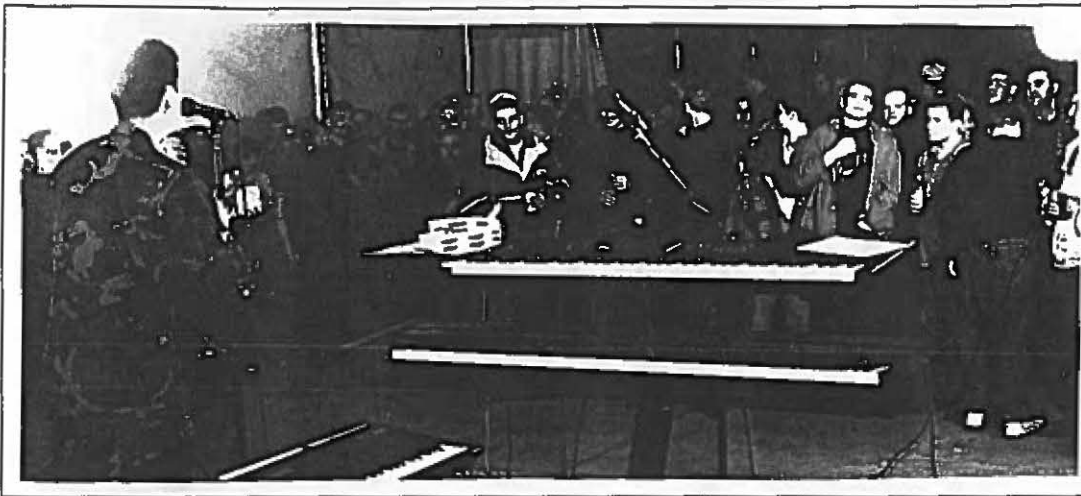
Traffic is bad throughout camp and the narrow streets are clogged with large, heavy vehicles. The intersection near the main

American compound gate is particularly hazardous as vehicles entering the intersection frequently ignore the stop signs.

The majority of streets downtown are also narrow and crowded. Pedestrians must stay alert not only for automobiles, but also the trolleys that run through town center. Look before crossing the tracks and be careful not to trip or slip on them.

Local people tend to be friendly and accept Americans. However, there have been some incidents where snowballs or rocks have been thrown at U.N. vehicles. Any negative or unusual contacts, such as stone throwing or heckling, should be reported to the office of special investigations and the J-5 civil affairs in Bldg. 21.

Always use the buddy system and remember to sign out before leaving the camp. Communications are difficult here, so accountability and safety procedures are even more important than usual.



(clockwise from above) SMSgt. Nicola M. Mangini and SSgt. Paul R. Robeson barbecue chicken for the 48th ATH's farewell party Saturday. The USAF Galaxy Band played to an enthusiastic crowd later that night. Early Tuesday morning, folks were building baggage pallets for the first wave of Air Force people going home. Going, Going...

Farewell Air Force

Briefs

U.N. holiday

Monday is a U.N. holiday by order of the U.N. force commander. Col. Watkins has declared it a minimum manning day. Check with your supervisor on how this will effect your duty section.

Speeders

U.N. police now stop and ticket speeders. A ticket will jeopardize your vehicle and driving privileges. Drivers must have an UNPROFOR license before driving any U.N. vehicle. Licenses are issued by the vehicle dispatch from 8 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 8 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Individuals who wish to get a license must bring their U.N. identification card and either a military or international driver's license. Call 815-113 for more information.

Mobile silverware

The dining halls are having a problem with missing dinnerware and may have to switch to plastic. Anyone who has dining hall items should return them to the amnesty box in the public affairs office Bldg. 21. Report anyone taking dinnerware in the future to the military police desk at tent SC-5.

Last chance for oversize

Packages and footlockers which are too large for mailbags will be collected in the post office conex, across from the hospital commander's entrance, Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m., for those people redeploying.

Chance to dance

The DOD rhythm and blues band, the Michael Brown Group, will play at the Rubb Hall Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 10 p.m.



Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C., make their first visit to the UNPROFOR dining hall shortly after their arrival Tuesday.



SSgt. Jose L. Moralcz unloads supplies for the Navy Exchange. The exchange is scheduled to open again tomorrow and be open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (photo by MSgt. Charlie Morgan)

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vides emergency treatment for over 32,000 people from more than 34 countries.

Since their deployment here in September, the 48th ATH has seen approximately 6,000 outpatients and 450 inpatients.